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SUBJ: MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS: NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
AGENCY TO MODERNIZE

REF: MVD 3394 (1974)

1. INTERAMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB) HAS AGREED TO FINANCE \$28.4 MILLION OF ESTIMATED \$48.8 MILLION COSTS FOR MODERNIZATION OF NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENCY (ANTEL FACILITIES. PROJECT INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF 1,500 KILOMETERS OF MICROWAVE NETWORK AND MODERNIZATION OF EXISTING MICROWAVE CHANNEL LINKING MONTEVIDEO WITH BUENOS AIRES AS REPORTED EARLY WARNING REFTEL. IN ADDITION, ANTEL PLANS TO USE IDB CREDIT TO BUILD TWO NEW TELEPHONE CENTRALS WITH A 10,000 LINE CAPACITY AND TO IMPROVE MARITIME COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK. BIDS ARE EXPECTED TO BE CALLED FOR IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. MICROWAVE NETWORK: EXISTING CHANNEL WILL BE RE-EQUIPPED TO HANDLE 960 VOICE CHANNELS AND THREE RADIO CHANNELS. STATIONS WILL BE IN MONTEVIDEO, CANELONES, SAN JOSE, ROSARIO AND COLONIA WITH AN ADDITIONAL FOUR REPEATER STATIONS. THREE NEW CHANNELS (RATHER THAN TWO REPORTED REFTEL ARE ALSO TO BE BUILT.

(A) COLONIA-CARMELO-MERCEDES-FRAY BENTOS-PAYSANDU WILL HAVE STATIONS AND THERE WILL BE 7 REPEATER STATIONS ALONG THE ROUTE.

(B) MONTEVIDEO-FLORIDA-DURAZNO-TRINIDAD-PASO DE  
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LOS TOROS-TACUAREMBO-RIVERA-ARTIGAS WILL HAVE

PRINCIPAL STATIONS AND THERE WILL BE 11 REPEATER STATIONS. RIVERA STATION WILL PROVIDE CONNECTION TO BRAZILIAN MICROWAVE NET.

(C) MONTEVIDEO-MINAS-TREINTA Y TRES-MELO WILL HAVE STATIONS AND THERE WILL BE 5 REPEATER STATIONS.

3. MARITIME COMMUNICATIONS: INCLUDES RELOCATION OF EXISTING EQUIPMENT, THE ACQUISITION OF TRANSMITTERS, RECEIVERS AND ACCESSORIES AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS AND STATIONS ALONG THE ATLANTIC COAST, THE RIVER PLATE AND THE RIVER URUGUAY. A MEDIUM AND HIGH FREQUENCY STATION IS TO BE BUILT IN MONTEVIDEO AS WELL AS NINE VHF STATIONS.

4. IN ADDITION ANTEL IS CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS WITH IDB FOR ANOTHER LONA, ESTIMATED AT \$13 MILLION, TO MODERNIZE TELEX AND TELEGRAPH SERVICE AND BUILD A GROUND SATELLITE STATION (REFTEL AT MINAS, BUT FINANCING FOR THESE PROJECTS IS NOT NOW EXPECTED TO BE APPROVED UNTIL LATE 1976.  
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